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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'

5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'.  
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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I am aware, is its dark orange-red flowers.  
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Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.  
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

5 The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the  
flowers of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as  
it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color  
illustration of this character.

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# DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

5 The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded plants of the new variety, with color terminology in accordance with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural  
10 conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during the month of November.

## PLANT

15 Form: Upright  
Growth: Very vigorous  
Size: Height about 5 feet; width about 3 feet  
Foliage  
20 Size: Length about 3 inches; width about 1 1/2 inches  
Quantity: About 5  
Color  
25 New foliage: Upper side near 146B; under side near 182C  
Mature foliage: Upper side near 147A; under side near 147C  
Shape: Elliptic  
30 Texture: Upper side smooth; under side matte  
Edge: Serrated  
Serration: Serrate

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5 Petioles: Top surface color near 146B;  
Under side near 147C  
Stipules: Medium  
Auricle: Small, slightly serrated  
Rachis: Smooth  
Variegation: None  
10 Veination: None

WOOD

New shoots  
Bark: Smooth  
15 Wood: Near 46A  
Old wood  
Bark: Smooth  
Wood: Near 137C  
20 Flowering stem: Length between 4 1/2 to 6  
inches  
Winter Hardiness: Completely winter hardy  
Resistance to Disease: Fair  
Temperature range: Between 16° and 120° F  
25 Internode spacing: Usual  
Preferred growing  
conditions: Full sun  
Growth habit: Upright  
Leaves per stem: About 7

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FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE

Blooming Habit: Continuous  
Bud About 1 1/2 inches  
Form: High centered

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TOP SECRET - FRODO

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5 Color: Before sepals divide color  
near 46B; when sepals first  
divide color near 47B; when  
petals begin to unfurl color  
near 47D

10 Sepals: Regular; thin on end, thicker  
on tip

Size: Length in relation to bud  
about 1 3/8 inches

Color Topside near 158A; bottom  
near 147B

15 Peduncle

Length: About 4 1/2 inches

Strength: Erect

Color: Near 139D

20 Flower

Size: About 5 2/3 inches

Borne: Single

Form: Very high centered

Petalage: About 42

25 Petaloids in center: Few; between 3 to 4

Persistence: Good

Fragrance: Medium

Lasting Quality: About 3 weeks on plant; about  
7 days after cutting

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During first 2 days: Inner petals at flower center  
topside near 46C; bottom near  
46D; outer petals topside  
near 47D, bottom near 48C

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5 Base of petals  
(Point of attachment): Near 2A  
General tonality from a distance: Near 4C  
Color Change: Fades slightly; after 3 or more days fades to near 49A  
10 Petals  
Texture: Thick  
Shape: Wider than long  
Arrangement: Imbricated  
Appearance: Velvety front / satiny back  
15 REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS  
Arrangement of stamens, Regularly arranged around  
Filaments and Anthers: styles  
Color: Filaments near 48A; Anthers  
20 near 48C  
Pollen: No pollen  
Styles: Medium length; color near 47C  
Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries  
25 Shape: Round  
Size: Small; about 1/2 inch  
Color: Near 140A  
Seeds: No seeds

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